Refund of Draft Making Charges to Dealers

3634. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2582 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March 1999 and state:

(a) the actual draft making charges for petrol and diesel borne by the Jubilee pumps and run by the officer of Oil Corporations on the stations other then the stations of terminals/depots;

(b) whether the similar amount is being refunded to the petrol pump dealers for such charges;

(c) if not, the reasons for discrimination;

(d) by what time the oil corporations/Government would issue the orders to refund the actual amount to the dealers; and

(e) the impact of less amount of refund on the economies of petrol pump dealers belonging to SC/ST and defence category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E.PONNUSWAMY): (a) In case of Jubilee ROs and Outlets run by the Officers of the Oil Corporation (Company Owned Company Operated) the product is moved on stock transfer basis. Hence no Expenses on Demand Draft charges are incurred by the operator, as he does not have to pay for the product as in the case of other retail outlets.

(b) In other cases, the dealers are reimbursed an amount of Rs.40/—per KL in case of Motor Spirit and Rs. 16/ — per KL in case of High Speed Diesel towards the Demand Draft charges incurred by them.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Operation of Motor Vehicles Through Alcohol

3635. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval to operate motor vehicles through alcohol in the country has been accorded to;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the parts of the country where this scheme is proposed to be initiated from; and